



The Boxer Club of Canada Inc.

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday November 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at approx. 8:04 p.m. - on-line Moderator/Chair. – President: Dave Gilmour

Attendance (17 members): Christine Burton, Dave & Patti Gilmour, Jenny & Michael Catton, , Shawn Mealey Doris Avery, Mary Curl, Bev Pope, Marta Nettelield, Paul and Judy Wilcox, Anne McDougall, Cindy Thomas, Mike & Mellissa Mathers, Tammy Ranta

Reminder: A quick reminder that there is a prize at the end of the year for everyone that has attended a meeting, served on the exec or a committee. You get one entry for every meeting attended, committee served on or exec position. They go into a hat at the end of the year and a name is drawn.

Minutes:

Dave: Everyone should of had time to read last month's meeting minutes. Are there any errors or omissions?

Dave: I move the minutes be accepted as written. **Christine** seconded.

Business Arising From the Minutes – None

Programme: Lillian:

Treasurer's Report – Kim Long

Mary: Kim sent me her report as she cannot attend tonight

- **Sept 30, 2015 - Balance-\$10, 845.54**
 - **Debit** - \$17.00 Monthly Plan Fee, \$2.00 – Paper Statement fee, \$241.20 – Mary Curl (\$179.95 Chat Room, plus \$61.25 – US Exchange)
 - **Credit** - \$ 30.00 - Sponsored Perpetual Trophies, \$ 559.31 – Kilbride and District Kennel Club (BCC National 2016), \$ 50.00 – Northern Ontario Boxer Club (to use meeting room)
 - **October 30/15 Balance – 11,194.65**
- **2015 National Show Financial report**
 - **Income:**
 - Entry fees - 30 at \$31.00 = \$930.00, Listed - 1 at 9.60, Sweeps - 11 at 15.00 = 165.00, Trophy Fund - From Donations - 705.82,
 - **TOTAL SHOW INCOME** **\$1,810.42,**
 - **EXPENSES:**
 - CKC Fees - \$165.00, Show Secretary - 76.28, Ribbons - 220.96, Sweeps Payout - 123.75, Trophies & Prizes - 386.10, Perpetual Trophies - 45.00, Judges Gifts - 126.92,
 - **TOTAL SHOW EXPENSES** **\$1144.01,**
 - **BALANCE - \$666.41**
- **Mary:** I move the report,
- **Dave:** Thank you are there any questions?
 - **Christine:** It appears that we did not show a loss due to the generous trophy fund donation
 - **Dave:** That is correct.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee

- **Mary:** I have no report

Publicity: Rich Tarrington (not in attendance) No report

Trophy Committee: Anne McDougall

- **Anne:** Nothing to report

Awards Committee: Kristi Wagg (not in attendance) No report

Dave: As Rick is not here we will move on to membership

Membership: Doris Avery

- **Doris:** Robert Millsaps is now an ordinary BCCI member. His probationary status ends this month. Please join me in welcoming Robert to the Club!

Discipline Committee:

- **Dave:** Anything to report from the Discipline committee
 - **Jenny:** No cases at this time

Obedience Committee: Marta Nettelfield - No report

Fund Raising Committee:

- **Patti:** Fundraiser has been finalized and will start on the 7th. It is a raffle and will run for two weeks. All details will be posted on the club web site, thank you Mary Curl! There are many great items to be had and hope that all tickets will be sold (two decks of cards). After the cost of shipping and other incidentals have been removed from the total proceeds, 20% will go to Boxer Rescue Canada, 5 % goes back to the fundraising kitty, and the remainder goes to the 2017 National Specialty. Pass the word to help sell tickets!
 - **Paul Wilcox:** How do we pay for the cards
 - **Mary:** The info will be on the BCC website - a link from the main page will take you to the raffle page with all the information
 - Just to let you all know there are 5 different prizes valued at almost \$500 each!
 - **Christine:** To clarify is the remainder going to 2017 or 2016 National
 - **Mary:** 2017
 - **Dave:** any other questions about the raffle?
 - **Jenny:** what is the cost per ticket
 - **Mary:** \$25.00
 - **Paul Wilcox:** will we have choice of prize?
 - **Mary:** First ticket drawn gets grouping #1 - It will tell you all about it on the site. We even have pictures. If you go to the main page of the BCC site you can see who has donated

Dave: As we are not dealing with nominations and Debbie is not here so we will move on to general correspondence

Reading of General Correspondence: Cindy Thomas

- **Mary:** Cindy is at work and had to leave. She gave me her correspondence
 - **Letter from bc cropping coalition** in opposition to bylaw 231 of the cvbc. I will post the complete letter in the minutes
 - **M&M Mathers:** Will BCC be issuing a statement as several other breeds have?
 - **Mary:** Where do we send this statement?
 - **M&M Mathers:** Most breeds clubs are putting it on their websites and FB pages.
 - **Mary:** We already have our letter in opposition to cropping bans on the website but I see no reason not to do something here too. Would you like to write up something and send it to me?
 - **M&M Mathers:** Sure
 - **From Bev Pope-** Application from the Manitoba Boxer Club to hold a Regional Specialty August 20, 2016 (corrected), in conjunction with the MCA show. Specialty only.
 - **From Mary Curl** - NOBC Application for a 2016 Regional in conjunction with the Barrie KC in August

Good & Welfare: Lillian Wainright

- **Lillian:**

Old Business:

- **Mary:** I have updated the Private member List on the website in the Members Only section. Please view this and send me any changes that need to be made.
- **Mary:** Please review the Public Member List and do the same - also if you are not on the Public Member list and wish to be send a request to me & to the Member Chair Doris Avery and we will include you. Or if you are on the Public Member List and wish to be removed you also need to contact us. Do to the Privacy Act we cannot include you on the Public Member list without your consent.
 - **Jenny:** Mary re review the Public Member List, just looked where would you see the listing? There is a heading under news BCC members but is not a link
 - **Dave:** The public member list is in the main header right next to about
 - **Mary:** and at the bottom of the page

New Business: None

- **Dave:** If there is no other new business I would like to adjourn this meeting and also thank everyone from taking time out of your schedules to attend the meeting (8:44 p.m.)
- **Paul Wilcox** seconded

Meeting Schedules 2015:

Exec meetings: Jan 28, Feb 25, Apr 1, Apr29, May 27, Sept 2, Sept 30, Oct 28, Dec 2, Dec 30

Regular meetings: Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 11, **Jun 1 (& AGM)**, Sept 14, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7

BC CROPPING COALITION IN OPPOSITION TO BYLAW 231 OF THE CVBC

In response to the many inquiries from Breed Clubs and individual breeders, we wanted to provide you with a brief statement in advance of more formal communications with your clubs and membership and our group going online on Facebook and a website in November. The CVBC's process with their Bylaws went faster than they disclosed to us as recently as last month. The revisions they had indicated would take until the end of the year were scrapped and they went with the original version, which meant they came into force almost immediately without further notice. This has left us playing catch up to a degree as we had planned our online presence to go live at the end of November. We have moved up the timetable and information will start moving by next week and online will happen by mid November.

We will be commencing litigation in this matter, seeking relief from the BC Supreme Court to have section 231 of the CVBC Bylaws set aside on a number of different grounds, based on principles of administrative law. These are technical, legal arguments, dealing with the propriety of how the CVBC chose to draft and implement this legislation and do not touch on the merits of cropping dogs in any way. That is not a battle we can easily win, but we can win this battle as the CVBC was legally sloppy in how they handled this. We had to wait until the legislation was actually declared into force and effect before review of it could be sought in Court. Legal counsel at the firm of Borden Ladner Gervais, LLP has been retained. We are advised that we have an excellent chance to have this legislation set aside. The CVBC could very well appeal the decision, but as a matter of law, we have the stronger argument. There are never any guarantees when you go to court, but if we want to continue to be able to crop our dogs in this Province, this is our best shot.

We will be commencing a major fundraising campaign to pay for this legal action and will distribute information through the Breed Clubs and with a Facebook page and website. There will be a PayPal link set up and also a P.O. Box to send cheques to. All funds raised are going to be held in the lawyer's trust account and a full accounting will be available. A more complete information letter will be coming to the Clubs next week and the membership immediately thereafter. We are just getting our online presence established first so we are in a position to go live once the notices go out. Thank you for your patience! More to follow soon.